

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

Honolulu, Hawaii

1261

APR 09 2009

RE: H.B. No. 991
H.D. 2
S.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 991, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure adequate access to medical care in rural, medically underserved areas of the State by establishing and appropriating funds for the Hawaii medical doctor loan program.

Specifically, this measure provides financial assistance for:

- (1) Students who complete a state-approved medical school program at the University of Hawaii and agree to practice in rural areas of the State; or
- (2) Graduates of a medical school who have received medical training from a Hawaii-based medical program and agree to practice in rural areas of the State.

The maximum aggregate amount of loans, at five per cent simple interest, that a student may receive under this program is equal to tuition payments and costs of textbooks and other necessary instructional and laboratory materials. Repayment of a recipient's loan may be waived if the recipient practices in a rural area of the State, as designated by the university, for a minimum of six consecutive years. This measure establishes the



Hawaii medical doctor loan program revolving fund within the University of Hawaii and provides that all interest and payments received with regard to the loan program be credited to the revolving fund. Finally, this measure appropriates an unspecified amount from general funds for deposit into the Hawaii medical doctor loan program revolving fund and appropriates an unspecified amount from the Hawaii medical doctor loan program revolving fund for the loan program.

Your Committee received three written comments on this measure. The written comments may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that this measure will provide an essential tool for recruiting and retaining health care professionals in medically underserved and rural areas of the State.

Upon further consideration, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Moving the provision creating the Hawaii medical doctor loan program revolving fund from the new subpart in part II of chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to part V of the same chapter because special, revolving, and other funds are typically established in part V;
- (2) Changing the unspecified appropriated amounts to \$1; and
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050 to facilitate further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 991, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 991, H.D. 2, S.D. 2.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,




DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 991, HD2, SD1	HTH/HRE, WAM	APRIL 2, 2009		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	/			
HEE, Clayton	/			
HOOSER, Gary L.	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	/			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.				/
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
HEMMINGS, Fred				/
TOTAL	10			2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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